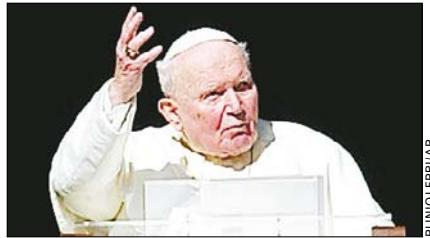


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Yawer: Troops Needed in Iraq

Iraqi president says he won't ask U.S.-led forces to leave yet

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's president said Tuesday it would be "complete nonsense" to ask foreign troops to leave the country now, although some could depart by year's end. Officials began the final vote tally from elections to produce a government to confront the insurgency.

Despite scattered clashes in rebel areas across the country, Iraq reopened its borders Tuesday and commercial flights took off from Baghdad International Airport as authori-

ties eased security restrictions imposed to protect last weekend's landmark voting.

In Baghdad, about 200 election workers Tuesday began the second — and possibly final — stage of the count. They reviewed tallies prepared by workers who counted ballots at the 5,200 polling centers across the country.

During a news conference, President Ghazi al-Yawer was asked whether the presence of foreign troops might be fueling

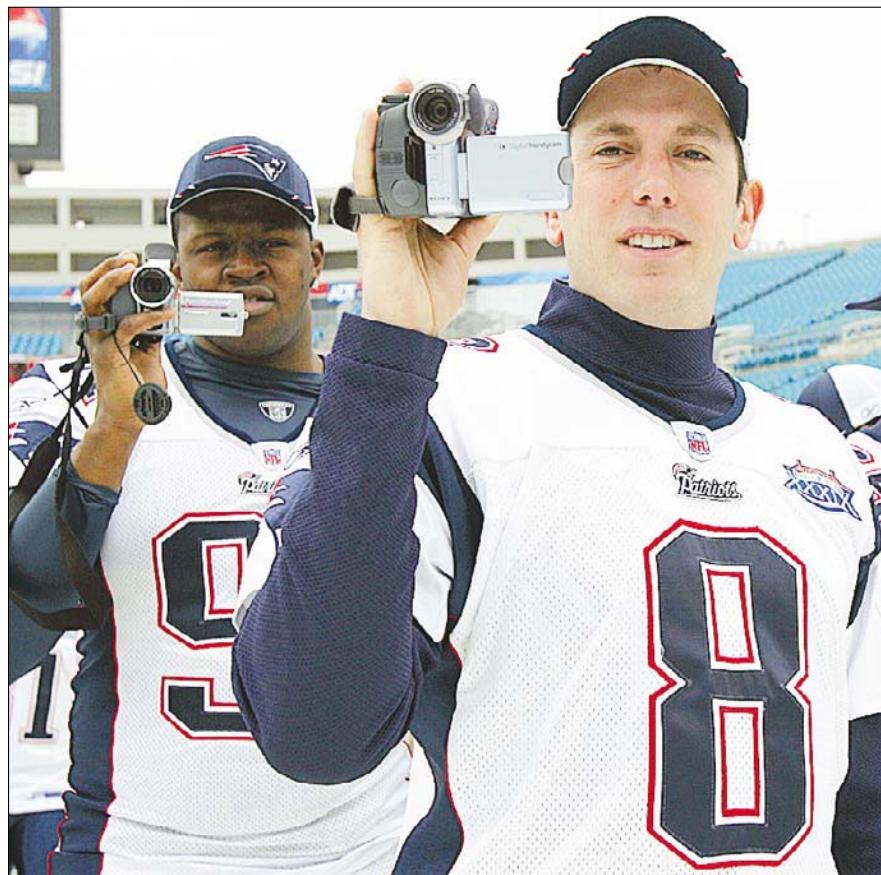


the Sunni Arab revolt by encouraging rebel attacks.

"It's only complete nonsense to ask the troops to leave in this chaos and this vacuum of power," said al-Yawer, a Sunni Arab.

He said foreign troops should leave only after Iraq's security forces are built up, the security situation has improved and some pockets of terrorists are eliminated. MARIAM FAM (AP)

SUPER BOWL XXXIX | PICTURE IN PICTURE



AMY SANCETTA/AP

MEDIA DAY: New England Patriots Roman Phifer, left, and Josh Miller turn the tables on photographers on Tuesday as players from the Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles met reporters in Jacksonville, Fla., ahead of Sunday's Super Bowl. ♦ **Healed?** Eagles' Owens says he'll play | Page 12

President to Pitch Social Security Plan

WASHINGTON | President Bush will outline ideas about strengthening Social Security but will not spell out all the details of a plan to fix the system's financial problems when he delivers his State of the Union address tonight.

Bush's strategy to offer a partial outline rather than detailed remedy reflects a split between the two houses of Congress about the president's role in the politically sensitive debate.

In the House, where every seat is up for election every two years, Republican leaders want the president to present a specific plan and work to sell it to the country before pressing Congress to vote. But key Senate leaders prefer that Bush work behind the scenes with Congress to develop a bipartisan consensus.

Social Security will be Bush's top domestic priority when he goes before Congress and a nationally televised audience at 9 p.m. He will devote the first half of his 40-minute speech to domestic matters and the second half to international issues. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

State of the Union: Live video and analysis of tonight's address | washingtonpost.com

WINDFALLS | Brewster's Millions A jury in Glendale, Calif., last week awarded \$15.6 million to a man whose image was used for years without his permission on Taster's Choice coffee labels. Russell Christoff, now a kindergarten teacher, posed for Nestle in 1986



but figured it was a bust — until he saw his likeness on a coffee jar in 2002. The company, which had turned down his offer to settle for \$8.5 million, now has to give him 5 percent of their profits from Taster's Choice from 1997 to 2003. (AP) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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CONTESTS

A Tale of Two Cities

All Jim Clemmer and Jim Allen have in common is that they both call Tampa home. Clemmer is the mayor of Tampa, Kan., while Allen lives in Brandon, Fla., near Tampa. Next month, the two men will trade places so that they can discover the "other" Tampa. The all-

expense-paid swap was arranged as part of a contest sponsored by a Florida radio station. Allen won the radio contest by picking the winning slogan for his Tampa — "Paradise Under Construction." Jack Harris, co-host of the station that sponsored the contest, said Floridians sent entries because they want to see what life in small-town Kansas is like. (AP)



FALSE ALARMS

Suspicious Minds

A bored 12-year-old boy passing time Thursday by trying out his new balaclava triggered a terrorism alert at the airport in Sandefjord, Norway. Glen Tommy Hvorup was waiting for an hour and a half in a car for a delayed passenger when he got fidgety and pulled the knitted cap over his face a few times. A passer-by noticed and immediately notified security officers, who sounded the alarm. Police sent all available personnel, who searched the airport and the surrounding area for the "terrorist" without success, because the boy had just left. (AP)



MAX ROSSI/REUTERS

FASHION

Taped Crusader

It seems a few Italian fashion academy students could benefit from more study time. A model on Tuesday presented this curious creation from the group of students, as part of their Spring/Summer 2005 Haute Couture collection, during Rome's Fashion Week. (EXPRESS)

ESCAPES

Where Buffalo Roam

A buffalo that escaped from an auction in Rapid City, S.D., on Sunday ended up in a dressing room for visiting teams at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, where it spent a couple hours staring into a mirror. The buffalo jumped a panel at the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo and found its way to the room, said Brian Maliske, the center's general manager. When workers found the animal, they locked it in for the duration of the auction. The buffalo spent the time fascinated by its image in a mirror. (AP)

VIDEO GAMES

Losing Streak

A man in Jakarta, Indonesia, was arrested and charged Thursday with shooting his friend in the leg after being teased for losing in a video game. Businessman David Chendy, 25, told police he shot Budi Irawan, 26, in an Internet cafe parking lot after becoming enraged by repeated losses. (AP)

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ONLY A TEST: Officials in Connecticut said they believe someone hit the wrong button Tuesday when midday television and radio audiences were told the entire state was being evacuated, instead of receiving just a test of the emergency alert system.



Nation



Sgt. Javal Davis leaves a court in Fort Hood, Texas, after a hearing on Tuesday.

Guilty Plea In Prison Abuse Case

FORT HOOD, TEXAS | A former Abu Ghraib guard pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery and other charges in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal as part of a deal with prosecutors on the eve of his trial.

Sgt. Javal Davis, 27, serving with the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company, also pleaded guilty to dereliction of duty and making a false official statement to Army investigators. A jury will be selected Wednesday for sentencing.

Davis admitted that he stepped on the hands and feet and fell on top of some of the seven detainees brought to his part of the prison for punishment after a November 2003 disturbance in a prison tent camp.

Also Tuesday, Army reservist Spc. Roman Krol, 23, serving in a military intelligence unit, was sentenced to 10 months after pleading guilty to conspiracy and maltreating detainees at the prison. (AP)

Gonzales Vote Will Not Be Blocked

Democrats back off filibuster but plan thorough floor debate

WASHINGTON | Democrats won't try to filibuster Alberto Gonzales' nomination to be attorney general but will hold extensive debate over his role in developing the Bush administration's policies on foreign detainees, the Senate's top Democrat said Tuesday.

"There will be an up-or-down vote" and no blockage, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid

of Nevada told reporters after the Democrats huddled for their weekly planning session.

A filibuster, a parliamentary tactic for delaying Senate action, would require Republicans, who hold a 55-44 majority in the Senate, to win over at least five Democrats — or four Democrats plus Vermont Sen. James Jeffords, an independent — to put Gonzales in office.

Reid predicted that at least 25 or 30 Democrats would vote against Gonzales but said "there was a decision made not to filibuster."

Democrats were surprisingly

united in opposing Gonzales in the Senate Judiciary Committee, something that was not achieved when they voted on Attorney General John Ashcroft. Ashcroft was confirmed by a narrow 58-42 Senate vote.

Democrats' opposition to Gonzales derives "from the nominee's involvement in the formulation of a number of policies that have tarnished our country's moral leadership in the world and put American

soldiers and American citizens at greater risk," Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said during a Senate debate Tuesday.

A vote by the Senate on Gonzales' confirmation will not occur until at least Thursday, after Bush's State of the Union speech Wednesday, GOP senators said. They said Democrats don't want to give Bush a success to talk about in the key policy address.

JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

Cabinet posts: More on the Senate debate over attorney general nominee Gonzales | Today's Post, A Section

cal and biotechnology companies.

The ban on outside work by NIH scientists covers research institutions, including those that receive grants from the NIH, health care providers, insurers and related trade associations.

The scientists will be allowed, however, to teach courses and give lectures related to their work, as well as write articles and textbooks.

Zerhouni also said that the institute last month established rules requiring researchers who receive royalties from experimental treatments they helped develop to disclose those royalties to patients.

The new ethics rules will take effect when they are published, probably within a day or two. They will also include a \$200 limit on awards that researchers can accept, with a few exceptions, such as the Nobel Prize. (AP)

MEMORIALS | COLUMBIA ANNIVERSARY



TOM FOX/DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

NOT FORGOTTEN: Loretta Sterle lays a rose in Hemphill, Texas, on Tuesday in honor of the seven Space Shuttle Columbia crew members who were killed two years ago near the town. During a memorial service, residents and local officials also unveiled two granite markers for the astronauts.

NIH Tightens Ethics Rules For Scientists

WASHINGTON | The National Institutes of Health banned its scientists from working as consultants for pharmaceutical, biotechnology and similar businesses, a step officials hope will end controversy over paid consulting arrangements by some of its doctors.

"Nothing is more important for NIH than preserving the public's trust," NIH Director Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni said Tuesday.

The new rules also will prohibit scientists from holding stock in such companies and will restrict the amount of stock that other NIH employees can own in pharmaceuti-

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Nation



PEN NAME: Mike Johanns is out as Nebraska's governor but his stationary will stay. Dave Heineman, who took office after Johanns moved to the Cabinet, said his name could just be printed at the bottom of the old stationary to save money.

Military Death Benefit Debated

Lawmakers, officials call proposal to boost payments too narrow

WASHINGTON | Lawmakers and military officials said Tuesday that President Bush's proposal to boost government payments to families of U.S. troops killed in Iraq, Afghanistan and other war zones was a good start but too narrow.

Republicans suggested that those who die while training for combat missions also should be eligible for the increased death benefits. Democrats argued that the benefits should extend to all personnel who die while on active duty.

Officials with the Army, Navy,

Marine Corps and Air Force told the Senate Armed Forces Committee that the Defense Department should not give an extra \$250,000 in benefits to surviving family based simply on where a death occurs.

Under the Pentagon proposal, a tax-free "death gratuity," now \$12,420, would grow to \$100,000 only in cases where the service member died in a war zone as designated by the secretary of defense.

The Pentagon also would increase life insurance benefits. The \$250,000 coverage offered to all service members would be raised to \$400,000, and for troops in a combat zone the government would pay the premiums on the extra \$150,000 coverage. (AP)

ANIMALS | CURIOUS CLOSE-UP



KATA LARSEN/TIMES RECORD/AP

DYNAMIC DUO: A pair of camels, cleverly named Bonnie, left, and Clyde wait patiently for a snack at Deer Acres Zoo in Hackett, Ark., on Tuesday.

Medicare to Cover Sex Supplements

WASHINGTON | Sexual performance drugs such as Viagra will be covered in Medicare's new prescription drug program, a lifestyle rather than lifesaving benefit that conservatives and watchdog groups say the government shouldn't provide.

Like those for maladies such as high blood pressure and heart disease, prescriptions for Viagra and similar drugs in its class will be tightly controlled. The new prescription coverage begins Jan. 1 and

is expected to cost more than \$500 billion over the next decade.

"The law says if it's an FDA-approved drug and it is medically necessary, it has to be covered," said Gary Karr, spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which administers the program for older Americans.

Some conservatives and public watchdogs say Medicare coverage of sexual performance drugs could bankrupt the program. (AP)

In Brief

CHARLESTON, S.C.

Teen Claims Antidepressant Led Him to Kill Grandparents

A teenager who shot and killed his grandparents as they slept is "a shy, decent boy" who was led to kill by the antidepressant Zoloft, his attorney said as the boy went on trial. Christopher Pittman, now 15, is being tried as an adult for two counts of murder in the 2001 slayings of Joe and Joy Pittman with a pump-action shotgun. Their house was set ablaze and the youth, then 12, drove off in the family car. (AP)

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.

Judge Says He Has Enough Prospective Jackson Jurors

The judge in the child molestation case against Michael Jackson said Tuesday he had a sufficient pool of about 250 prospective jurors willing to sit through the projected six-month trial, moving jury selection along more quickly than expected. The next stage begins on Monday, when the prospective jurors will be individually questioned by the defense and the prosecution. The judge wants to seat a jury of 12, with eight alternates. (AP)



Jackson

Today in The Washington Post

Growing Pains: As its leadership changes for the first time, the Department of Homeland Security remains hampered by internal conflicts, sources report. | *Page A1*

Band Camp: Most Marines carry rifles but some carry musical instruments — such as those in the venerable Marine Band known as the President's Own. | *Page A1*

Drug Dip: The number of U.S. children taking antidepressant drugs fell sharply last year, following evidence that the medications can increase suicidal behaviors. | *A Section*

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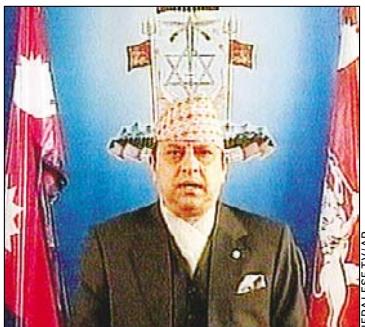
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World



King Gyanendra addresses the nation on state TV in Katmandu Tuesday.

State of Emergency In Nepal

King dismisses entire government, insists he isn't mounting coup

KATMANDU, NEPAL | King Gyanendra dismissed Nepal's government on Tuesday and declared a state of emergency, cutting off his Himalayan nation from the rest of the world as telephone and Internet lines were snapped, flights diverted and civil liberties severely curtailed.

The move was the second time in three years that the king has taken control of the tiny South Asian constitutional monarchy, a throwback to the era of absolute power enjoyed by Nepal's monarchs before King Birendra, Gyanendra's elder brother, introduced democracy in 1990.

Nepal has been in turmoil since Gyanendra, 55, suddenly assumed the crown in 2001 after Birendra was gunned down in a palace massacre apparently committed by Birendra's son. Ten members of the royal family were killed.

Gyanendra denied his takeover was a coup, although soldiers surrounded the houses of Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba and other government leaders.

"We will oppose this step," Deuba told reporters.

In an announcement on state-run television, the king accused the government of failing to conduct parliamentary elections and being unable to rein in a violent Maoist insurgency. The rebels have been trying since 1996 to overthrow the government and establish a socialist state. (AP)



BIRD CALL: Environmental officials in Montenegro on Tuesday urged residents to toss their leftovers to the thousands of rare and endangered birds, including nightingales, whose survival in the tiny Balkan state is being threatened by an unusually harsh winter.

Pope Treated for Breathing Trouble

Pontiff hospitalized while fighting flu, Vatican officials say

ROME | Pope John Paul II was rushed to the hospital Tuesday night after he suffered an inflammation of the throat and had difficulty breathing while battling the flu, the Vatican said.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the decision to hospitalize the 84-year-old pontiff was "mainly a precaution."

He pointed out that the pope was

not in intensive care but in the same 10th-floor suite of rooms in Gemelli Polyclinic, where he has stayed during previous hospitalizations.

Navarro-Valls said the pope has the flu and acute laryngeal tracheitis — an inflammation of the trachea — acknowledging the pontiff had a "certain difficulty in breathing." The spokesman, who has a medical degree, denied Italian news reports



John Paul II

that the pope had a CAT scan at the hospital.

The pontiff also suffers from Parkinson's disease, which apparently affects his facial muscles and makes it difficult for him to swallow saliva. It was not immediately clear if his disease complicated his case of the flu.

Hours before the pope's hospitalization, Navarro-Valls said on Vatican radio that the pontiff would likely resume his regular schedule of engagements in a few days.

John Paul was last seen in public

on Sunday, when he made his regular noontime appearance at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square and released a dove in a sign of peace. He appeared remarkably lively, but his words were barely audible.

Until the pope was taken to the hospital, the Vatican had been issuing reassuring news about his condition, up to Tuesday's late night newscast on Vatican radio. VICTOR L. SIMPSON (AP)

Grit: Keeping on schedule in spite of advanced disease is one of the pope's trademarks | Today's Post: Section A

MIDEAST | GOODWILL DECELERATED?



GORAN TOMASEVIC/REUTERS

VIGILANT: An armed settler guards a Jewish outpost in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday. Israeli and Palestinian envoys argued Tuesday over a troop pullback in the West Bank, with Israel saying it will hand over one town at a time and Palestinians insisting on a large-scale withdrawal. Israel decided to slow the pullout after violence Monday strained a de facto truce.

Clinton to Lead U.N. Tsunami Effort

Ex-president named special envoy by U.N. chief

UNITED NATIONS | U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan selected former President Clinton on Tuesday to be the U.N. point man for tsunami reconstruction, saying no one could better ensure that the world doesn't forget the needs of the countries devastated by the Dec. 26 disaster.

Clinton said in a statement that he looked forward to serving as Annan's

special envoy starting next month.

President Bush named Clinton and his father, George H.W. Bush, to head a private fund-raising effort to help the 11 countries affected by the tsunamis. In his statement, Clinton said he will continue to focus on his work with Bush.

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said Annan wanted to appoint a

special envoy not only to focus on reconstruction but to help resolve conflicts in the two worst-hit countries — Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

This would give Clinton a chance to use his political skills to tackle longstanding conflicts with rebels in Indonesia's Aceh province who have been fighting for independence since 1976 and Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka who have been fighting for a separate homeland since 1983. (AP)

In Brief

CANADA

Gay-Marriage Bill Introduced

The Canadian government introduced a contentious bill that would legalize same-sex marriage in Parliament on Tuesday. For passage, the bill needs approval from 154 members of the 308-seat House of Commons. The legislation will have to go to committee for study and it could take weeks, or even months, for a final vote. (AP)

COLOMBIA

14 Soldiers Die in Rocket Attack by Leftist Rebels

Leftist rebels, in a struggle for control of a jungle river used for cocaine trafficking, fired rockets into a marine post early Tuesday, killing at least 14 soldiers, the Colombian navy commander said. The assault on the outpost in the southwestern village of Iscuande was the bloodiest rebel attack in two years. (AP)

SPAIN

By 313-29 Vote, Parliament Rejects Basque Autonomy

Parliament overwhelmingly rejected a proposal to grant increased autonomy to the troubled Basque region, with lawmakers accusing the region's president of an unconstitutional attempt to secede. The plan would have allowed the prosperous region to have its own court system and send delegates to global bodies such as the European Union. It was rejected by a vote of 313-29. (AP)

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World

Annan Urges Fast Action on Darfur

Security Council split over sending case to Int'l Criminal Court

UNITED NATIONS | U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday urged swift action to stop the killing in Sudan's Darfur region, but the Security Council was divided about sending the case to the International Criminal Court or setting up an entirely new tribunal to handle the case.

Annan's call for the council to consider imposing sanctions on Darfur came a day after a U.N.-appointed panel concluded Sudan's government and allied militias had likely committed crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur, but not genocide as the United States claims.

Annan stressed that the debate over whether genocide had occurred was far less important than taking

action to stop the killings, torture, rape and other atrocities in Darfur that were outlined in the commission's report. "What is vital is that these people are indeed held accountable," he said in a statement.

Deciding what to do could expose new rifts within the U.N. Security



Annan

Council. All agree that Sudan's government and the Janjaweed militia it backed must be dealt with swiftly, but they diverge on how to do it.

Several European nations want the case referred to the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands, as the commission report recommends.

But the Bush Administration has long opposed the court, arguing that it could be used for highly politicized prosecutions, including captured American soldiers. (AP)

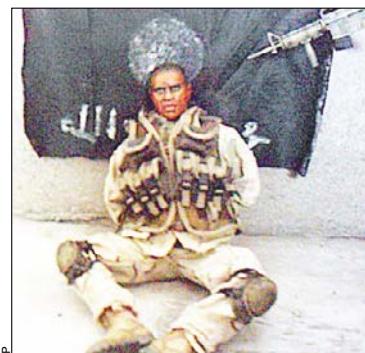
Case of U.S. 'Hostage' In Iraq Raises Doubts

BAGHDAD | A Web site posted a photograph of what it claimed was a kidnapped U.S. soldier, but doubts were quickly raised about its authenticity and the U.S. military said no soldiers were missing.

The statement appeared on a Web site where militants' statements are often posted and was in the name of a group that has claimed previous kidnappings, the Mujahedeen Brigades.

Staff Sgt. Nick Minecci, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said "no units have reported anyone missing." And an American toy manufacturer said the figure in the photo resembled one of its military action figures, originally produced for sale at U.S. bases in Kuwait.

Liam Cusack, of the toy manufacturer Dragon Models USA, said the image bore a striking resemblance to the African-American ver-



sion of its "Cody" action figure.

If proven a fake, Tuesday's posting would not be the first hoax associated with kidnappings in Iraq. In August, television stations around the world showed a video in which a 22-year-old San Francisco man faked his own beheading by Iraqi militants. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

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Money

Buyer Beware at Auction Sites

FTC: Complaints of online fraud nearly double

WASHINGTON | Americans are increasingly turning to Internet auction sites to buy and sell goods from around the world, and a growing number think they might be getting a raw deal online.

The number of complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission over Internet auctions has nearly doubled from 51,000 in 2002 to more than 98,000 last year, the agency said Tuesday in its annual report on consumer fraud and identity-theft complaints.

The online complaints cover everything from the failure of sellers to deliver goods or services to consumers claiming their purchases weren't worth the price they paid.

Complaints for all types of fraud have grown since 2002, according to the FTC report. Internet auction grievances comprised 13 percent of the 403,000 total fraud complaints in 2002; in 2004, it made up 16 percent of the 635,000 grievances.

The only other category in which more complaints were filed in 2004

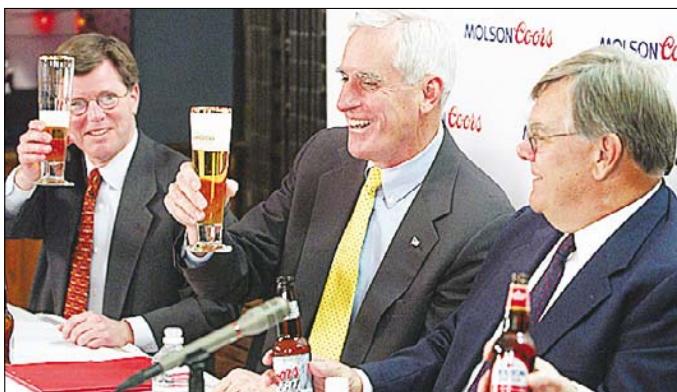
was identity theft — 39 percent, or more than 246,000 of the total complaints, down slightly from 40 percent in 2002. It was the fifth straight year that identity theft topped the list of consumer concerns.

Identity theft involves stealing someone's personal information for financial gain. The most common cases involve credit cards. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: The third most common complaint, according to the FTC, involved shop-at-home or catalog sales, accounting for 8 percent of grievances in 2004. (AP)

MERGERS | NORTHERN ALLIANCE



CHEERS: Pete Coors, center, shares a toast with other executives at the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colo., on Tuesday, where it was announced that shareholders approved its merger with Canada's Molson Inc. — one of the last steps in a \$3.4 billion deal to combine the two family-run breweries.

Google's Profits Rocket Sevenfold

SAN FRANCISCO | Google Inc.'s search engine fueled a sevenfold increase in fourth-quarter profits to soar past analyst expectations.

The Mountain View-based company said Tuesday that it earned \$204.1 million, or 71 cents per share. That compared to net income of \$27.3 million, or 10 cents per share, at the same time in 2003.

Based on Tuesday's closing stock price, Google's market value stood at \$55 billion — more than General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. combined. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AlliGam	11.84	+1.87	+18.8	OceanB	3.20	.83	+35.0
NuveenInv	41.15	+4.05	+10.9	deltathree	4.80	+1.02	+27.0
Zimmer	87.40	+8.55	+10.8	EvolvSys	3.77	.76	+25.2
ValerE s	56.96	+4.93	+9.5	Tripos	5.04	.89	+21.4
StdRegis	13.67	+1.18	+9.4	CTI Mole	17.36	+2.63	+17.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ManpwL	43.36	-5.29	-10.9	Ariba rs	9.38	-4.50	-32.4
MS Globl	10.65	-1.30	-10.9	DiscvLabs	6.07	-1.72	-22.1
ChiMerc	191.50	-23.00	-10.7	CitzFnCp	8.00	-1.89	-19.1
Sirva	8.00	-.86	-9.7	RepFBcp	13.53	-2.97	-18.0
WMS	28.48	-2.86	-9.1	HomeFin	6.25	-1.20	-16.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25	.5311	.5311	.5480
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.25	1.2365	1.2404	1.3235
3-month	2.47	2.36	.7666	.7673	.8018
2-year	3.28	3.22	103.64	103.65	105.74
10-year	4.14	4.20	11.1680	11.1770	11.0450
30-year	4.60	4.68	31.79	31.74	33.37

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5311	.5311	.5480		
Canadian Dollar	1.2365	1.2404	1.3235		
European Euro	.7666	.7673	.8018		
Japanese Yen	103.64	103.65	105.74		
Mexican Peso	11.1680	11.1770	11.0450		
Taiwanese Dollar	31.79	31.74	33.37		

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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	32.50	.07	-3.0
Comcast	31.60	-.59	-5.0
Comc sp	31.19	-.43	-5.0
DiracTV	14.80	-.25	-11.6
Disney	28.80	.17	+3.6
Fox Ent	33.90	.25	+8.4
Gannett	79.40	-.64	-2.8
GTelevisa	60.80	.97	+5
LibtyMA	10.36	-.08	-5.6
McGrH	92.13	+1.63	+6
NewsCpa n	16.90	-.10	-9.4
NewsCpb n	17.62	.04	-8.2
Thomson	34.66	.61	-1.8
TimeWarn	18.08	.08	-7.0
ViacomB	37.21	-.13	+2.3

STARR APPEAL: Former independent counsel Kenneth Starr, who led the investigation that resulted in the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, was in federal appeals court in Richmond, Va., Tuesday representing a death row inmate who killed a man with scissors.



Local

In Brief

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

Schools Open After Threat

Falls Church schools opened three hours late Tuesday morning after school officials decided to delay classes after receiving a bomb threat on Monday. While administrators say the threat was targeted at one specific building, all four of the city's schools opened late after being thoroughly searched by police and bomb-sniffing dogs as a precaution. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

House OKs 'Traditional Marriage' License Plates

The House of Delegates passed legislation Tuesday authorizing special license plates for supporters of traditional marriage, rejecting critics' claims that the measure trivializes matrimony. The bill would feature the words "Traditional Marriage" and interlocking wedding rings over a red heart. Del. Robert Brink, D-Arlington, suggested the bill could open the door to other license plates promoting virtuous lifestyles — healthy living and considerate driving, for example. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA. | CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS



STEVE HELBER/AP

DIRTY WORK: Excavation of the south lawn of the Virginia Capitol continues during its three-year, \$87 million renovation in Richmond on Tuesday.

Religious Leaders Wary of Church Bill

RICHMOND, VA. Virginia's religious leaders on Tuesday spoke out against a bill that affects how property is divvied up when congregations choose to secede from a church or diocese.

Senate Bill 1305 would give congregations that break away from their denomination leverage to retain control of church

property.

Critics of the bill contend it was drafted in response to the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay Episcopal bishop.

"It seems as though the bill's patrons are trying to trump church law," said Doug Smith, executive director of the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, February 1

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-3-9 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	7-9-0 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	0-8-8-8
Evening DC 4	3-6-8-5
Quick Cash	16-13-27-5-28-3
Hot Five	17-13-3-20-8

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-5-6
Evening Pick 3	7-2-3

Mid-day Pick 4 **8-8-9-9**
Evening Pick 4 **8-8-0-5**
Match 5 **4-26-32-36-38 Bonus: 15**

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Tues.)	2-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-3-9
Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-4-7-1
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	2-2-7-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	5-16-22-29-31
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	1-5-7-9-17

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Council Acts to Protect D.C. Rails

Legislation prohibits shipping hazardous materials near Capitol

WASHINGTON | City lawmakers approved emergency legislation Tuesday that bans train and truck shipments of hazardous materials within about two miles of the U.S. Capitol.

The legislation will take effect immediately and remain in place for 90 days if approved by Mayor Anthony A. Williams, who has promised to sign it. The measure would ban certain explosives, as well as poisonous gases such as chlorine.

"This is a danger that has been obvious for at least three years, but we remain vulnerable to a terrorist attack," said District of Columbia Council member Kathy Patterson, who sponsored the bill.

Patterson said the measure is aimed at eliminating "a grave and immediate danger," in which terror-

ists might attack hazardous shipments, causing the release of deadly chemicals. Carol Schwartz, the only member of the council to vote against the bill, said the measure



was unnecessary. She said that CSX Corp., which owns the freight tracks in the city, already is voluntarily rerouting hazardous materials.

In a statement, CSX said Tuesday's action "doesn't increase safety at all. In fact, it compromises it." The rail operator warned that in some cases, trains would be forced to travel longer distances, making the routes less safe.

The issue of rail security has taken on added importance following this month's chlorine leak after a train crash in Graniteville, S.C., which killed nine people and forced the evacuation of 5,400 residents. BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

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Sports



THEY'RE HERE: More proof Washington has a baseball team. Pitchers Chad Cordero and Zach Day, outfielder Jose Guillen, shortstop Cristian Guzman and general manager Jim Bowden will be at the ESPN Zone in D.C. on Wednesday to sign autographs from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Bidders Line Up to Buy Nationals

At least six groups vying for Washington team

NATIONALS | A group from Northern Virginia became the latest to submit an application to buy the Washington Nationals, just beating the Monday deadline set by Major League Baseball.

At least five other applicants have been confirmed or reported as potential ownership groups who paid the required \$100,000 fee to enter the bidding for the former

Montreal Expos, who were purchased by baseball's other 29 teams three years ago.

The newest candidate is American Baseball Capital, formerly the Virginia Baseball Club, the group that for more than a decade led a failed effort to bring a team to Northern Virginia. The group is led by former telecommunications executive William Collins.

A Major League Baseball spokesman would not confirm details of the sale process, but groups led by Washington businessman Fred Malek, Tennessee developer Franklin Haney, former Washington Capitals part-owner Jon Ledecky, Maryland real estate businessman Theodore Lerner and Memphis banker Brian Saulsberry have been widely reported as contenders for the team.

Commissioner Bud Selig has

said he hopes to have the team sold by opening day in April, although the process is expected to take longer because it hinges on baseball's negotiations with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who wants compensation for the damage he says the Washington team will do to the value of his franchise.

The Nationals are expected to sell for at least \$300 million.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Sosa Could Be an Oriole Wednesday

ORIOLES | Sammy Sosa could don a Baltimore Orioles' cap for the first time as soon as Wednesday, after he completes his physical and his trade from the Chicago Cubs is approved by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

The Orioles on Tuesday set up a time for the slugger's physical and were making tentative plans for a Wednesday news conference, even though the commissioner's office was awaiting final paperwork before forwarding the trade to Selig.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers for Sosa. The swap cannot be completed without Selig's blessing because more than \$1 million will change hands, but no problems are anticipated. (AP)

COLLEGE HOOPS | THE ULTIMATE LONG SHOT



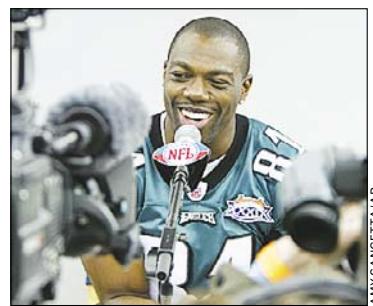
WORTH A REPLAY: Guilford College's Jordan Snipes became a star Monday night after sinking a 90-foot shot with .6 seconds left for a 91-89 victory against Randolph-Macon. The play was shown on ESPN's "SportsCenter" five times.

T.O. Leaves No Doubt: He's Playing

SUPER BOWL | Terrell Owens strolled onto the field, claiming a podium near the 25-yard line. It would have been more appropriate to put him right in the middle of the field.

T.O. was clearly in his comfort zone Tuesday at the Super Bowl's media extravaganza — the center of attention, the star of the show, the guy making all the news.

And say this about the Philadelphia Eagles' All-Pro receiver: He didn't leave anyone in suspense. Less than a minute after the tape recorders and cameras began rolling, Owens made his pronouncement.



Owens said there will be a "miracle" when he plays in the Super Bowl.

"I will play on Sunday," he said, relishing the moment as he gazed out at some 100 members of the media hanging on his every word.

Then, transforming the podium into a pulpit, Owens put on an hourlong performance that was part Ali, part Reverend Ike — and pure T.O.

"If you believe in miracles," he said, "just wait until Sunday."

Adorned with diamonds in each ear and a matching bracelet, Owens let the conversation flow in all sorts of directions. At times, he sounded downright humble while crediting a strong religious faith for hastening the recovery of his right knee and ankle.

"God brought me here for a reason," he said. PAUL NEWBERRY (AP)

Smith Not Ready For Retirement

FOOTBALL | Emmitt Smith denied a report Tuesday that he will retire later this week.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified "confidants" of the star running back, reported that Smith will retire Thursday in Jacksonville, site of this year's Super Bowl. Smith spent the last two seasons with Arizona after 13 years with Dallas.

Smith, 35, denied the report in comments to The Dallas Morning News.

"Did you see my year last year? Do you think I'm ready to retire?" Smith said in a report on the news-

In Brief

SUPER BOWL

Mitchell Miffed He Didn't Get Podium on Media Day

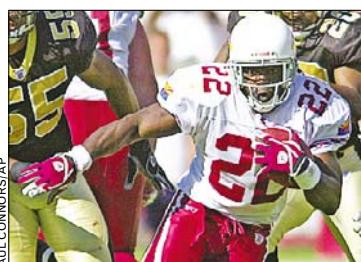
Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell fired another verbal shot Tuesday. This one, though, was at his own organization. Mitchell said he was no longer speaking to Derek Boyko, the team's director of media services. "I'm not even talking to Derek Boyko anymore because they didn't even have a podium for me," Mitchell said at the Super Bowl's official media day. (AP)

ABA

Rhythm Owner Hospitalized After Firing Coach on Court

Hours after storming the court and firing her coach, Nashville Rhythm co-owner Sally Anthony was rushed to a hospital following a 911 call by a relative who said she had tried to "hurt herself." A relative called 911 about 6 a.m. Sunday to report that Anthony was hurting herself, according to a 911 tape obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday. "My sister-in-law is in her apartment right now, and she has taken some pills and mixed it with alcohol and taken scissors and cut up her arms," said the caller, who identified herself as Susan. (AP)

Backed off: The Redskins won't make fans buy tickets with the team's MasterCard | Today's Post, Sports



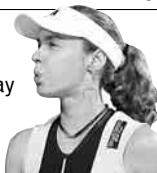
Emmitt Smith rushed for 937 yards last year. No wonder he isn't retiring yet.

paper's Web site Tuesday.

Smith rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He has 18,355 yards overall and 164 TDs. He was the league's most valuable player in 1993.

Smith has said he wants to retire as a Cowboy. (AP)

ONE AND DONE: Former world No. 1 Martina Hingis' comeback after a two-year retirement was spoiled Tuesday when Marlene Weingartner of Germany beat her 1-6, 6-2, 6-2 in a first-round match at the Volvo Women's Open.



Sports

New Steroid Is Discovered

Canadian scientists say drug found before it was used by athletes

DOPING | Canadian scientists uncovered a new steroid designed to avoid detection in standard drug tests, but say they found no evidence it was used by athletes.

The World Anti-Doping Agency said Tuesday that the substance — called desoxy-methyl-testosterone, or DMT — was identified after a tip from an anonymous whistleblower.

WADA science director Olivier Rabin said the drug had similarities to THG, or tetrahydrogestrinone, a drug at the heart of the BALCO steroid investigation in the United States.

Several track and field stars, including sprinters Kelli White and Dwain Chambers, were banned after THG was unmasked in 2003. Four men face charges of distributing steroids to elite athletes in the case involving the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Rabin and Christiane Ayotte,

director of Montreal's anti-doping lab, said there was no evidence DMT has been used by athletes. They touted the finding as a pre-emptive victory against drug cheats.

"This shows to the dopers how serious we are," Rabin said.

The investigation began last year after Canadian customs officials seized substances coming across the border from the United States. WADA received an anonymous e-mail in June tipping off the agency to the material seized in the raid. STEPHEN WILSON (AP)

WINTER X GAMES | THE AIR UP THERE



JACK DEMPSEY/AP

CROSSING PATTERN: T.J. Schiller from British Columbia, Canada, hangs upside down over the half pipe during skiing superpipe practice at the 2005 Winter X Games in Aspen, Colo., on Tuesday morning.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (8 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC)

Georgetown tries to bounce back from its loss to Boston College against Big East rival Seton Hall.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN)

No. 9 Louisville takes on No. 18 Cincinnati in a game featuring Conference USA's

top two teams.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Another great game in the ACC: No. 4 Duke at No. 7 Wake Forest.

NBA (10 P.M. ON ESPN2) Which team has more criminals, the Denver Nuggets or Portland Trail Blazers?

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Cars



GOLD-PLATED: The new "Treasure the Chesapeake" Maryland license plate brought in more than \$850,000 last year, the Chesapeake Bay Trust said Thursday. That means about 85,000 residents purchased the plates.

A Geek With Inner Chic

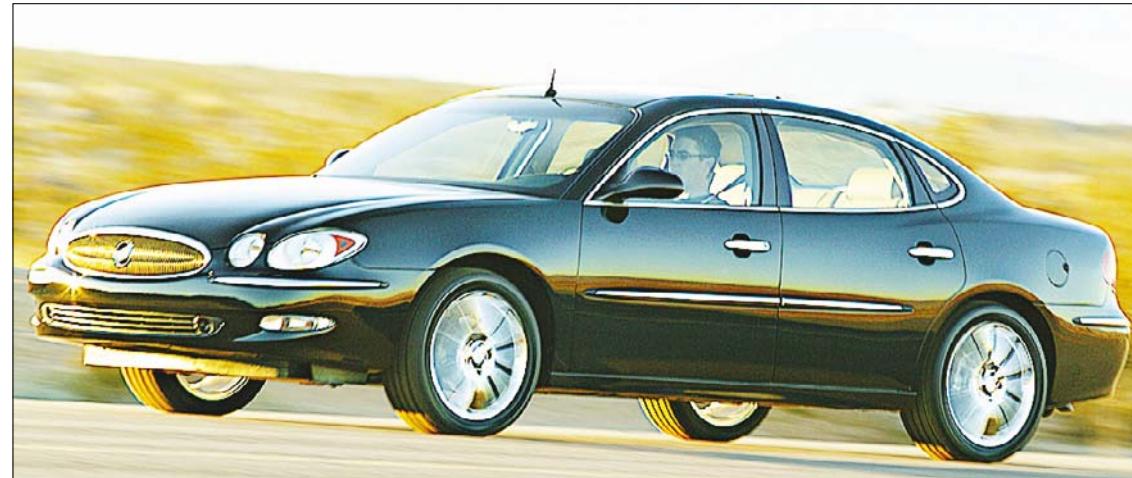
Buick's new LaCrosse wraps hidden style in a bland exterior

ROAD TEST | As long as there have been high school proms and students with no dates to attend them, parents have reassured their awkward/chubby/mouth-breathing adolescents that it's what is on the inside that counts.

I would console the Buick LaCrosse in similar fashion. It's all right, honey. Don't cry. If customers don't see what a wonderful car you are, well, it's their loss.

The LaCrosse — which replaces the Century and Regal — is a nice car trapped in some astonishingly boring sheet metal.

How big a committee styled this thing? There is some of the Olds Alero, a lot of the Ford Taurus, the headlights off the Lexus GS300, the decklid from a Dodge Neon. The front and the back look like different cars.



INTERIOR BEAUTY: The Buick LaCrosse has a designed-by-committee look on the outside. Inside, it's a party of good design.

You might never guess that the LaCrosse was once a stunning concept car. According to reports in Automotive News, the production version was delayed when GM Vice Chairman Robert Lutz ordered the designers to tone it down, lest the car alienate Buick's core clientele. This is car styling with an ageist agenda. The LaCrosse is a sort

of visual psychographic, representing what the GM brass think older, more conservative buyers will buy. Come on, they may need glasses, but they aren't blind.

Once inside the LaCrosse, life is good. The roomy cabin is library quiet and very well constructed, with no titters, squeaks or rattles. The interior styling is handsome and

orderly. The remote-starting function allows residents of the frozen north to start the engine from the warmth of their house.

Under the fluted hood of the LaCrosse CXS is one of GM's new 3.6-liter, dual-overhead cam V6s with variable-valve timing, putting out a smooth 240 horsepower and 225 pound-feet of torque, routed

through GM's entirely serviceable four-speed transmission.

The 3.6-liter, 3,600-pound CXS can pipe up a good head of steam, with 0-60 acceleration around the seven-second mark, and if you don't impose too much on the 17-inch touring tires, the car handles nicely. These tires don't have a lot of cornering grip, but then strafing canyon runs are not in the car's mission statement.

However, study the concept car and you will be disheartened. No one expected suicide doors or the slide-away rear glass that converted the vehicle into a kind of El Camino for Rodeo Drive. But why couldn't the production car have had some — any? — of the concept car's lean urgency and premium authority?

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DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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I LOVE a bargain as much as anyone. There are certain times, however, when a higher price means better quality; those of you who've tried generic-brand toilet paper understand what I'm saying. A cheap handbag will fall apart, cheap shoes will give you blisters and cheap perfume will make you smell, well, cheap. Add to that that no one over the age of 25 should be wearing anything that smells like food (fruit and vanilla included), and Asgharali Perfums should be a stop on your next Georgetown shopping trip.

Style: The unassuming storefront opens into a luxe lounge befitting its Ritz-Carlton location. Inside, I found your standard big hitters — Chanel, Dior, Carolina Herrera — plus some ultra-fancy brands like the celebrity-beloved Creed. If you want to smell

really different, check out the back, where the store keeps about 40 family recipes in stock. Both the perfumes and their seriously fabulous bottles are created by Asgharali's owners in their native Bahrain.

- **Price:** About what you'd pay at any high-end perfumery, typically starting at \$40 and going up to around \$110. Keep in mind, though, that a good bottle of perfume, properly cared for, will last you about a year; a dollar a day is not much to pay for a distinctive scent.
- **Service:** The salespeople are knowledgeable and friendly, but not pushy. They helped me choose several scents that differed from my usual but still seemed like me, and steered me toward a number of suave-yet-manly scents for my fiancé. They get



Asgharali's house brand includes Fawaz, \$75 (3 fl. oz), above, and Hanoon, \$75 (1 fl. oz.), below.

points for honesty, too. When I asked "Hey, what's the Britney Spears perfume like?" (it was on a bottom shelf in a corner, almost shamefully), the staff member said, "It's... nice."

- **Bonus Points:** You're not hit with a cacophony of smells when you enter — the air in the store just smells like air. But it would help to have some coffee beans on hand to give noses a break between scents.
- **Final Analysis:** Unique selection and excellent service may give Asgharali the legs to outrun Sephora when it comes to smelling nice in Georgetown.



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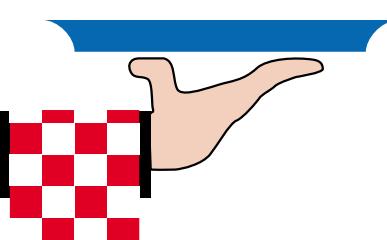
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Entertainment



'JUST GHASTLY' OR HONEST? Cowell, center, is the acid-tongued judge who gives "American Idol" contestants nightmares.

Mr. Mean Jeans

How Simon Cowell became a star player, star-maker and a star

PERSONALITY | After more than two decades working his way up behind the scenes in the music industry, Simon Cowell sits center stage.

His withering put-downs of the

overconfident and under-talented — first on Britain's "Pop Idol," then on "American Idol," which began its fourth season last week — have made him a celebrity on both sides of the Atlantic.

They have also made him very rich. He's worth a reported \$85 million, thanks partly to a deal that lets him sign "Pop Idol" winners to his

own record label.

Cowell's success is built on a highly teleogenic personality, plus a bluntness that has attracted and appalled millions of viewers and seen him nicknamed "Mr. Nasty" by the press.

"You sang like a ventriloquist's dummy," he told one hapless musical hopeful. To another:

'Ray' and Extras Shine

The biopic comes to DVD with bells, whistles and music

DVD | Last week it received six Academy Award nominations. This week it lands on DVD. Jamie Foxx, who stars as Ray Charles, stands in the spotlight on this DVD, which includes bonus features that explore the actor's approach to the role that may very well define his career.

The two-sided disc also includes 14 deleted and extended scenes, two

extended musical scenes, a tribute to Charles, a behind-the-scenes featurette and a commentary track by director Taylor Hackford.

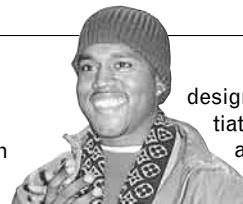
Those hungering for more can find it on a two-disc special edition, which includes additional featurettes and musical performances.

Most Impressive Bonus: In "Stepping Into the Part," viewers are treated to footage of Foxx and Charles playing the piano together, as well as more insight into how Foxx prepared for the role. At one point, longtime Charles friend



AND ... ACTION! Director Hackford, left, with star Foxx on the set of "Ray."

LEARNING CURVE: Kanye West, "The College Dropout," is all about education. The rapper has his own foundation



designed to fight dropout rates. It includes initiatives to help keep instruments in schools and target at-risk students for help.

"My advice would be if you want to pursue a career in the music business, don't."

Cowell, 45, says he's simply being honest.

"My job is to try and say what I think the audience are thinking at home," Cowell said. "What I've said from day one on 'American Idol' is, it doesn't matter how many people turn up, only two are going to be any good. So why give everybody else false hope, because it's such a tough business?"

He has little patience with critics who say "Idol" winners are disposable creations manipulated by sycophants like himself. He says the success of Aiken, the 2003 runner-up, from "American Idol," exemplifies the show's unpredictable appeal.

"Clay Aiken has been and probably will be the biggest-selling 'Idol' artist ever — and he didn't fit the mold. He just so happened to be what the public wanted."

In Britain, Cowell is tabloid fodder; they note his penchant for high-waisted trousers and exhort him to marry long-term and reportedly long-suffering girlfriend Terri Seymour.

He'd like his celebrity to help drive future projects, but said: "I don't think I'll be on the shows. I'd rather be in the background."

As for "American Idol," he noted, "Some people say ... it's got a finite life and all good things have to come to an end. There's another argument that says maybe this is the musical Super Bowl. Maybe it could run for 20 years." JILL LAWLESS (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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Sweet Success: Sugarcult

I Filling the unapologetic pop-punk void while Green Day was on hiatus, Sugarcult has been churning out its sucrose-fueled, energetic rock to mass appreciation since its 2001 release.

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; with the Early November, Hawthorne Heights, Hopes Fall, Gym Class Heroes, 7 p.m., \$17; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)



YOSHIAKI HORITA
Santa Barbara's doomy Sugarcult isn't interested in good-time surf music.

It's Elemental: Flamenco Gala

2 Earth, wind, fire ... and air? The dancers of Flamenco Gala 2005's opening night performance, whose theme is "The Four Elements," dramatize said elements in a virtuosic display of styles.

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW, 8 p.m., through Feb. 12, \$30-\$50; 202-994-6800. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

The Platters: Majolica at the Corcoran

3 Plates, apothecary jars, ink-wells and other decorative objects make up a 32-piece traveling exhibit of elaborately decorated Italian Renaissance majolica.

Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; through July 31; 202-639-1700. (Farragut West)

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'PATIENCE' PAYS OFF: In case you were wondering what Axl Rose does all day, turns out he cuts smart deals. The rock recluse has signed a multimil-



lion-dollar publishing deal with Sanctuary Group, which covers his back catalog and future material. Needless to say, his former bandmates are grumpy.

Entertainment

A&E Snaps Up 'Sopranos'

DEALS | A&E won a bidding war Monday for the rights to broadcast edited versions of "The Sopranos," with the \$2.5 million per episode price tag believed to be the highest for a series offered in syndication.

The Emmy-winning mob drama will begin on the basic cable network in fall 2006.

HBO chose A&E over TNT, the Turner Broadcasting network that concentrates on dramas. The deal for 78 episodes of "The Sopranos" eclipsed a \$1.9 million-per-episode purchase made by USA and Bravo for "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."

The network, best known for its

long-running "Biography" series, has tried over the past few years to liven up a stodgy image with series such as "Dog the Bounty Hunter," "Growing Up Gotti" and the drama "MI-5." It has recently begun airing "CSI: Miami" reruns and purchased syndication rights to "24," which will begin next fall.



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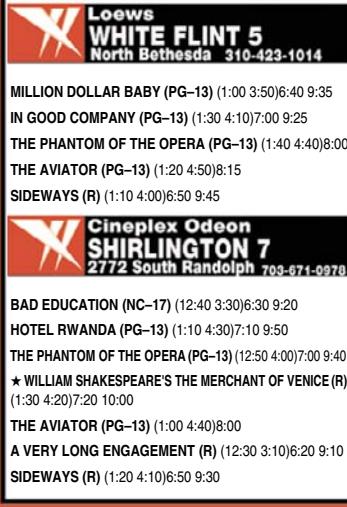
BRIGHT FUTURE: James Gandolfini and the whole cast will be syndicated.

With its brutal violence, language and sexual content, "The Sopranos" will prove to be a challenge for more conservative basic cable standards. HBO already produces separate, cleaner dialogue for international markets and will work with A&E to see how scenes can fit the standards, executives said.

"We feel very strongly that we can deal with that in a responsible and creative way," Raven said.

DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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Television



THERE'S A PERUVIAN PAULA? The makers of Fox's "American Idol" are suing a Peruvian television company for illegally imitating the talent search program. The lawsuit against "Superstar" lists the shows' similarities, including having two nice judges and a caustic one.

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BABY, DADDY: Kevin Hill (Taye Diggs) and the new addition to his household.

SHENANIGANS

AMERICAN IDOL (8 p.m., Fox) Auditionees from San Francisco try to impress Simon, Paula, Randy and guest judge Brandy.

A RERUN TO REMEMBER

LOST (8 p.m., ABC) Enjoy nightmares, bullying fortune-tellers, wormy boyfriends and pregnant women in jeopardy? You'll love this rerun of Claire's backstory.

DEVOLUTION

GRACE KELLY (8 p.m., WE) Cheryl Ladd, we've seen Grace Kelly in movies, and you, even in 1983, were no Grace Kelly.

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PROJECT RUNWAY (9 p.m., Bravo) The final five design new uniforms for postal workers, and boy, do they need them. Our final three? Austin, Jay and Kara Saun with Kara Saun to win. (EXPRESS)



BLOW UP: The hosts of "MythBusters" find glee in exploding and damaging stuff.

The Truth or Bust

DEBUNKING | "Myth Busters" (9 p.m., Discovery) tests the theory that cruelty and comedy are intertwined — that's why we laugh when a clown slips on a banana peel, or

Buster Keaton drives a car through a house, or Ben Stiller gets a sensitive part of his anatomy caught in his zipper.

“MythBusters” takes this prin-

ciple to explosive new heights with an episode devoted entirely to the instructive abuse of a crash test dummy.

To explore the validity of various urban myths, they submit their dummy (named Buster) to an exploding toilet, a 60-foot plunge into water, an out-of-control elevator and a chair rigged with 60 pounds of bottle rockets.

As Buster is broken, burned, mutilated and decapitated, hosts Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage can't stop laughing at his expense. And neither could I. All of this proves that 1) most of the gruesome legends they test are false, 2) most guys are really 9-year-olds at heart who 3) like to blow things up. KEVIN McDONOUGH

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Urban high schools get kids interested in agricultural studies

Inside a Toledo, Ohio, greenhouse, high school students grow lettuce and basil without soil. In Philadelphia, teenagers tend to a herd of cows. And in Minneapolis, Minn., students research how grass grows in different kinds of dirt.

More students in cities are taking agriculture classes and considering careers in the industry. The National FFA Organization, formerly Future Farmers of America, said its membership of 476,000 students is the highest in 22 years.

Much of the growth is in urban schools, said spokesman Bill Stagg. The organization has programs in 11 of the nation's 15 biggest cities.

"We're teaching them about the science, business and technology of agriculture," said Becky Meyer, director of the Agricultural and Food Sciences Academy in Little Canada,

"These are urban kids coming from some pretty mean streets. They're scared to death to touch a cow."

THOMAS SCOTT, PRINCIPAL AT SAUL HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



Downtown Farm on the Farm

Minn. One in five jobs in Minnesota can be tied to agriculture, she said. "There's a need for people who are agriculture literate." In four years, the school has grown from 42 students to 160, and expects to double its size in three years, Meyer said.

A big challenge for agriculture educators is persuading students to sign up. "What 14-year-old wants to go into agriculture?" asked David Gilligan, principal of the Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences. Still, a year ago, there

were 1,250 applicants for 150 spots in the freshman class. "They come because we're safe and it's a good school," Gilligan said.

Incoming students at Saul High School in Philadelphia are given an orientation to agriculture that includes taking care of dairy cows. "A lot of them have never touched a

cow," principal Thomas Scott said. "These are urban kids coming from some pretty mean streets. They're scared to death to touch a cow. God forbid if it starts to defecate."

But once students start learning about careers in agriculture, they find they might want to be a commodities trader, veterinarian or flo-

GROWING UP: A student at an agricultural career center in Cleveland learns a little about hands-on horticulture.

rist, said Levon Esters, who taught agriculture-business in Chicago. "Show me the money," he said. "That's what it comes down to."

Agriculture classes are heavy on science and math. "All of our academics are college prep," said Jean Lonie, education career coordinator at Saul High School. Four out of five graduates from a year ago went on to college or a trade school.

In the Natural Science Technology Center's greenhouse in Toledo, students studying hydroponics — growing plants in nutrient-enriched water — tried to sweep algae out of trays holding water and plants.

Tillie Jeffers, a junior who wants

to be a nature photographer, said the school has helped many students find direction. "When students come into this building they don't know what it's about," she said.

"We're urban kids," said Kevin Jones, a junior. "We don't have much to do with agriculture."

JOHN SEEWER (AP)

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ANDREA BONIOR, PH.D.

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Say the Word

I've been dating my girlfriend for seven months. I'm certain I'm in love with her, which I expressed. However, she hasn't reached that point and can't describe how she feels. It makes me fairly insecure, and I've become increasingly suspicious that there's someone else, or that she isn't over previous relationships in which she knew right away she was in love.

We've talked about this and when I'm with her I'm at ease, but when I'm not I feel a lot of anxiety about us. What is there to do?

—LUVIN' ASHBURN

What a prize to vie for — your girlfriend feeling for you what she did for the guys that didn't last!

Being "in love" is no relationship panacea. Many people believe the magic always fades, and it's true it's friendship that makes couplehood last. I'm more of a romantic — I've seen too many octogenarians holding hands on the boardwalk — but I still believe a successful relationship takes much more than just that

mystical spark.

And when some of that other stuff — openness, loyalty, support — is AWOL, focusing on terminology won't help. It's not the label "in love," but what it somehow represents, that's causing you anxiety. Take a deeper look at what you feel you're missing out on. Trust? Passion? Emotional intimacy? Affection? That's what your insecurities are about, not whether she uses the right phrase to describe her feelings.

My boyfriend recently told me he started therapy for his stress. I'm pretty shocked and uncomfortable with the idea. I don't want him to start telling his therapist stuff he doesn't tell me. It's almost like she'll get into his head better than I can.

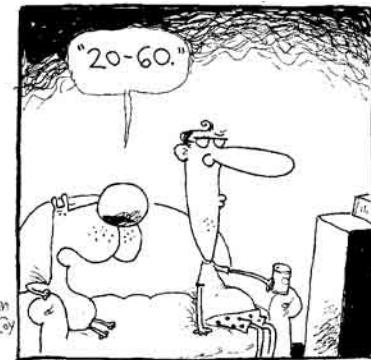
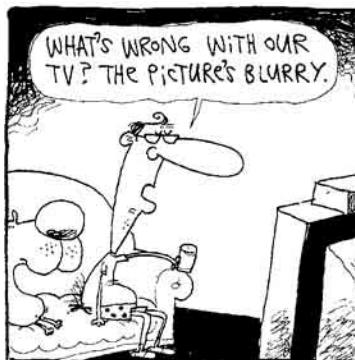
—THE OTHER WOMAN, COLUMBIA

Imagine what he could say about your gynecologist!

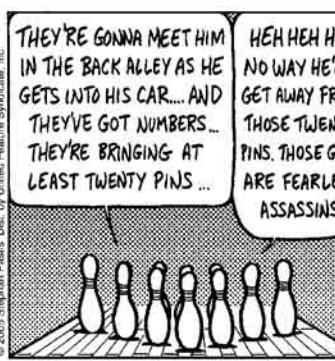
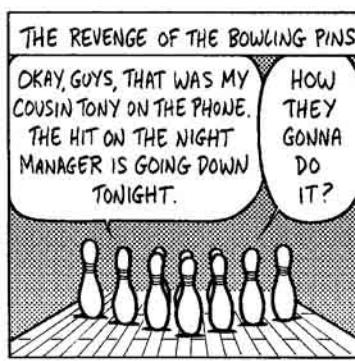
Though it's understandable to feel somewhat threatened at first, remember that your boyfriend is in counseling to get healthy, which helps your relationship and, in turn, helps you. Psychotherapy is health care, not social hour. And in time, I bet you'll be relieved he will express the most troubling aspects of his stress in counseling sessions, rather than on your couch at 2 a.m.

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The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

The Definition of Family

SINCE WHEN DO WE care about the sexual orientation of cartoon characters ("Cartoon Crossovers," Jan. 31)? Since when did Focus on the Family get a monopoly on

what constitutes family? I never cared about or questioned Bugs Bunny or Daffy Duck's sexual orientation. I only know they entertained me and made me laugh. It's not important; cartoon characters aren't real. However, people are real. I reluctantly came out to my parents 10 years ago, and they still love me — my brothers, cousins, niece

and nephews. I am still family, no matter what more bigoted hearts may preach.

—KEVIN ROST
Washington, D.C.

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46° / 34°



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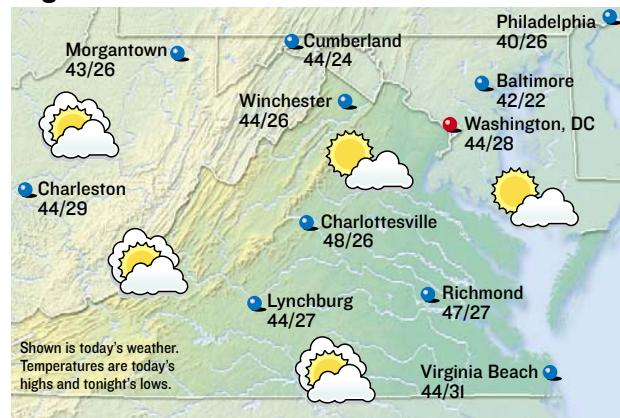
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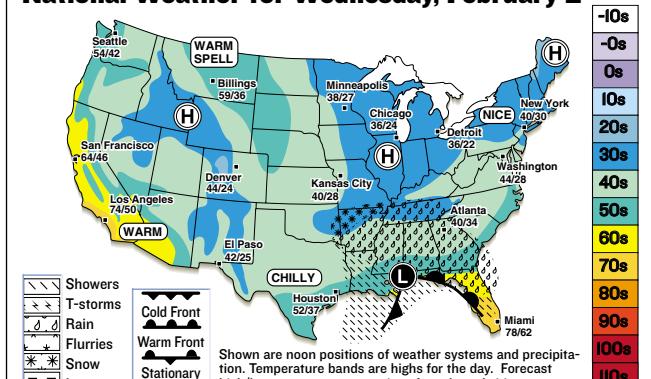
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National Weather for Wednesday, February 2



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Dallas	44/33/sf	52/35/pc	Buenos Aires	75/54/s	82/62/s
Denver	44/24/sh	50/25/pc	Calgary	56/40/pc	43/14/pc
Honolulu	76/66/s	79/66/c	Dublin	48/40/c	51/41/c
Kansas City	40/28/s	44/34/c	Geneva	34/29/sn	37/28/pc
Los Angeles	74/50/s	76/50/s	Moscow	18/12/sn	16/7/sn
El Paso	42/25/s	44/34/c	Rome	45/34/pc	50/34/pc
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LOOK out

People

D-LISTERS

We Know Not Who You Are, But You Amuse Us Greatly

Country singer **LYNN ANDERSON** has been accused of shoplifting a "Harry Potter" DVD from a Taos,

N.M., supermarket and punching a police officer on Jan. 24 at Smith's Food and Drug Center. On Friday, Anderson's lawyer entered pleas of not guilty to charges of battery on a police officer, resisting a police officer and shoplifting. The county magistrate allowed Anderson to seek medical treatment out of state after the pleas were entered. (AP)

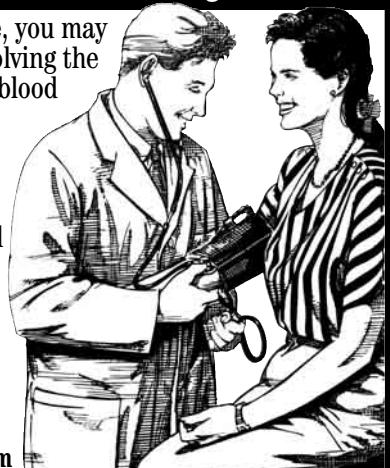


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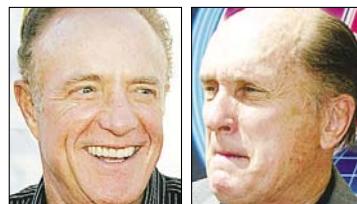
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And People Call DeNiro A Sellout for Doing Comedy?

JAMES CAAN and **ROBERT DUVALL** have agreed to appear in Electronic Arts' "The Godfather" video game, reported Reuters. The two will reprise their film roles as Sonny Corleone and Tom Hagen. Before he died, Marlon Brando also recorded lines and granted permission to use his image in the game, which comes out in the fall. The goal: To work one's way from petty crimes to hardcore felonies. (EXPRESS)



Caan

Duvall

ACCUSATIONS

In a Legal Breakthrough, An Entourage Is Also Sued

A celebrity makeup artist filed a \$25 million lawsuit Friday against rapper **SNOOP DOGG**, three associates, the Walt Disney Co. and ABC Inc. She alleges he and men in his entourage drugged and raped her two years ago. The woman also claims that one of Snoop Dogg's associates beat her following a taping of ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live," which the rapper guest-hosted in January 2003. (AP)

Some would argue that a coat like that could itself be sued.

"You can't be a party girl forever," **TARA REID** said in a girlish yet raspy voice. "I'm getting older. I'm getting more mature. ... now I'm ready for the next chapter of my life." But a quietly intense expression belies the familiar good looks. Her role, both in life and on screen, has changed. In

PANDERING INTERVIEWS

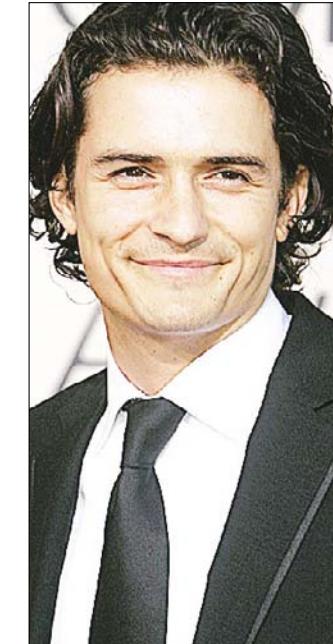
Pretty Actress Ponders Growing Up, Responsibility

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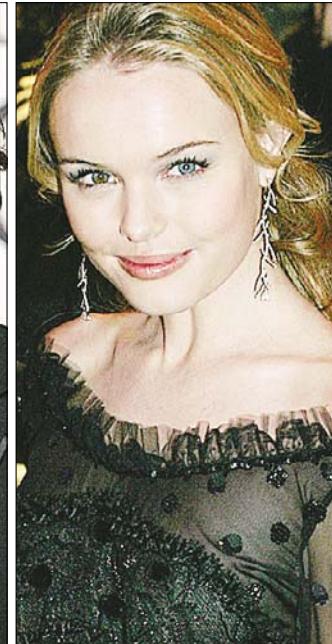
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Tara Reid makes the glum, chipmunk-like face of someone who's mature.

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26 "My thoughts exactly!"
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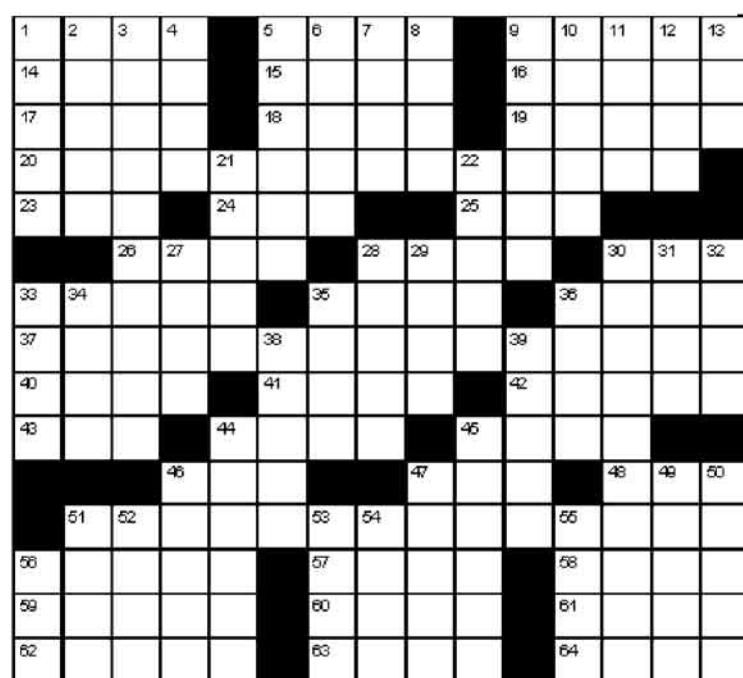
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13 Morse bit
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35 Unadulterated ones
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28 "Pretty Baby" director
29 Where to see Puppies and Carina
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34 Rainless

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38 Henry Wells'

partner

39 More cunning

44 City on the Delaware River

45 Pitchers stand on them

46 Strike forcefully

47 Studied carefully (with "over")

49 "All kidding ..."

50 Bunches of bits?

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54 Spit relative

55 Storied plantation?

56 Churchill's sign

Yesterday's Solution**Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your eyes may deceive you, your ears may fool you, your mind may play tricks. But your heart is sure to lead you in the right direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may get surprisingly wrapped up in domestic projects. Improvements you make around the house are sure to last. You may want to entertain during the evening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to understand a difficult concept, which eluded you a short time ago. You can

make key personal shifts as a result.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You won't have trouble finding things to do with your time, as others are expecting much from you. You're committed to more than a few important projects.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be in a position to compare the desirable from the undesirable. There is no need to keep your opinions to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Bargain hunting can pay off — and you may be surprised to learn just what it is you really like in the way of home comforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you race to finish ahead of others you may find you were having more fun taking part. Cooperation is more valuable than competition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Teamwork is

essential. Don't refuse an offer of help just because you want go solo. You'll realize you can both give and receive help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your first attempts at something new and different are not likely to impress. Later, however, your star will shine very brightly.

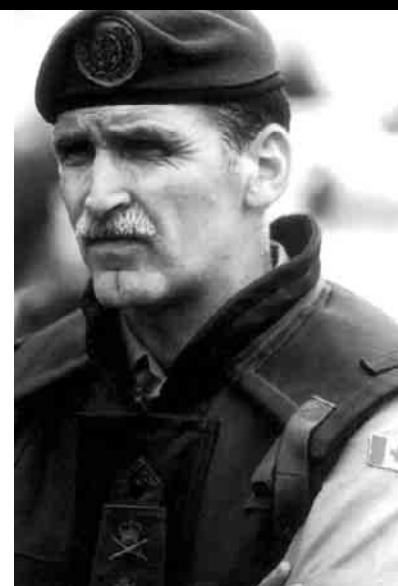
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself getting in and out of emotional hot water because of an initial misunderstanding you could have avoided.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may have to concern yourself with changes on the job — or with changing jobs altogether. You needn't let your confidence wane.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be looking for shortcuts, but in the end you'll have to check your work. You might as well be thorough from the beginning.

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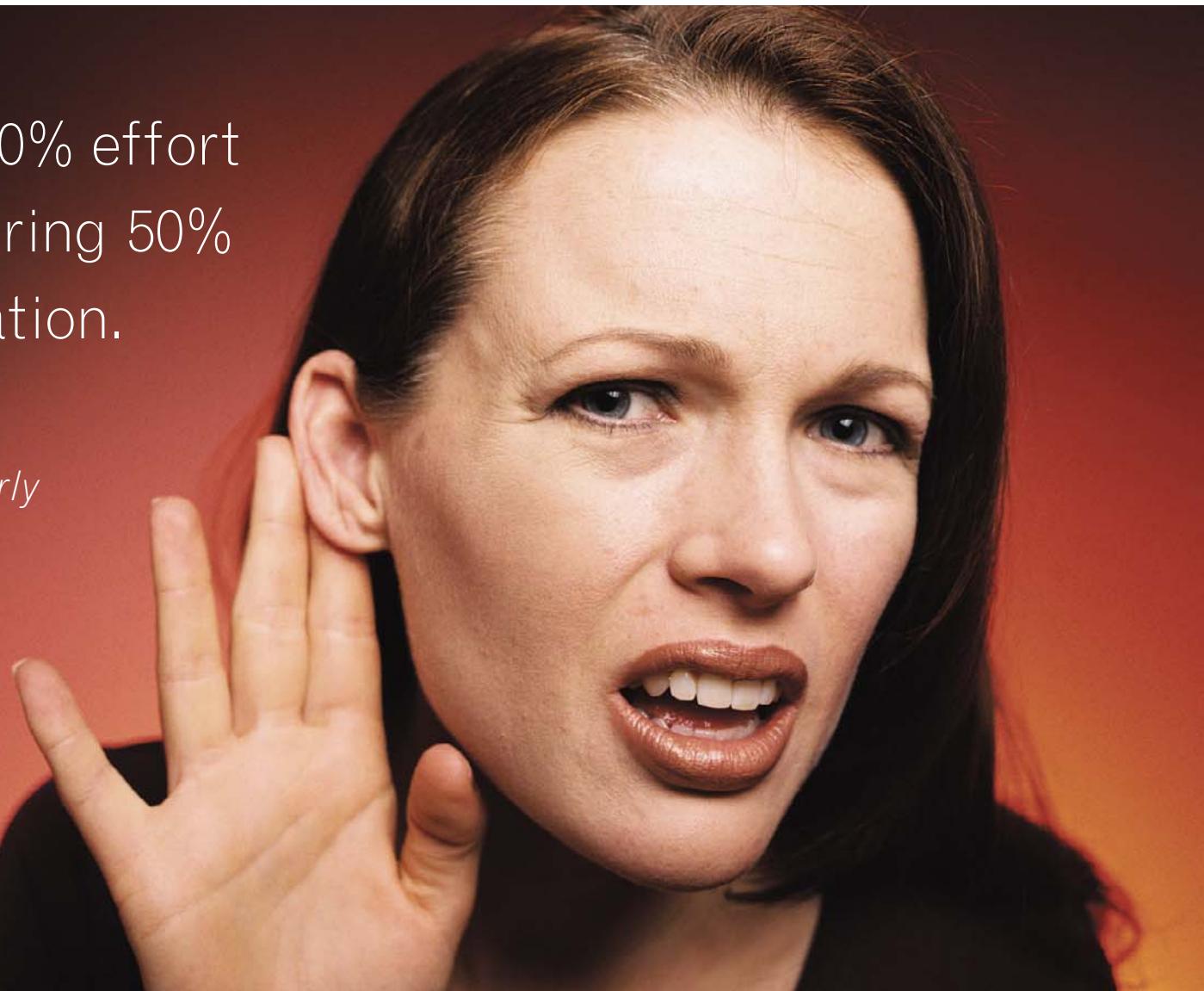
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